

An abstract graphic featuring flowing, translucent blue and white liquid-like shapes that create a sense of movement and depth, resembling a splash or a dynamic flow.

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Jayflex™ Plasticizers Together, Stronger, Further

Flexible PVC - made to last

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The Big Picture



Global demand – Flexible PVC and Plasticizers

~360Mt^a
Global plastic
resin demand

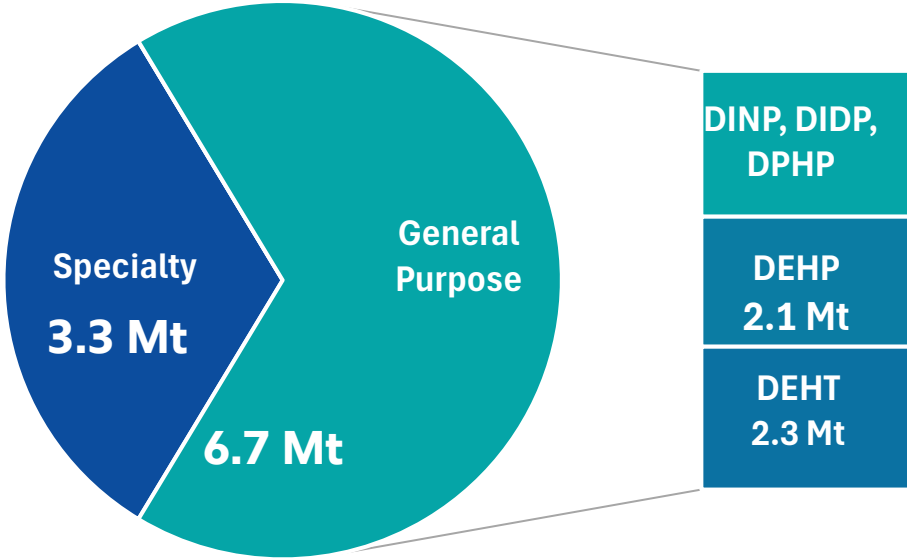
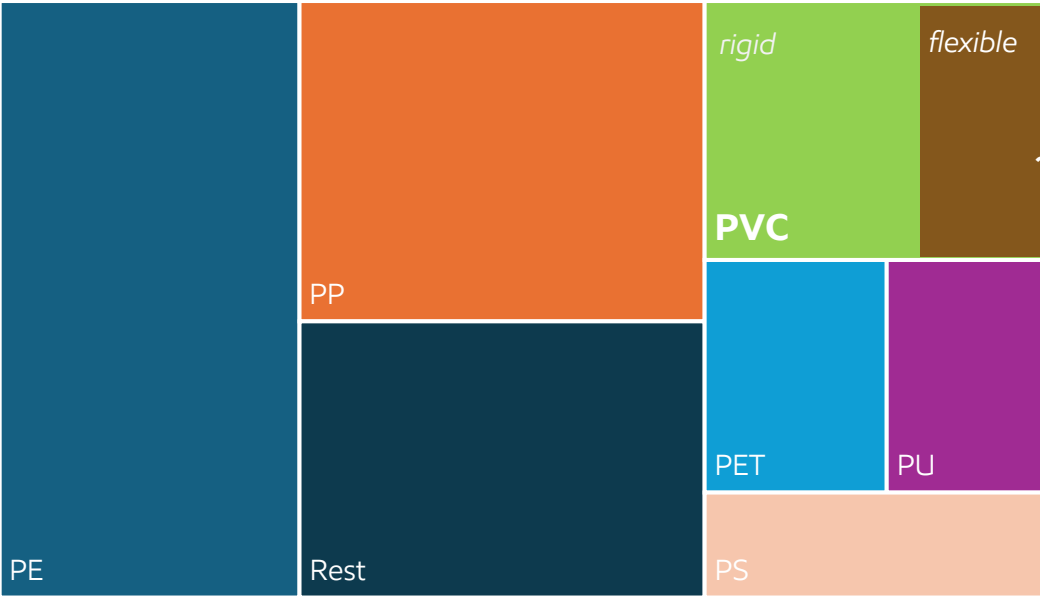
~50Mt^b
Global PVC
demand

~15Mt^b
PVC demand for
flexible applications

~10Mt^c
Plasticizer global
demand

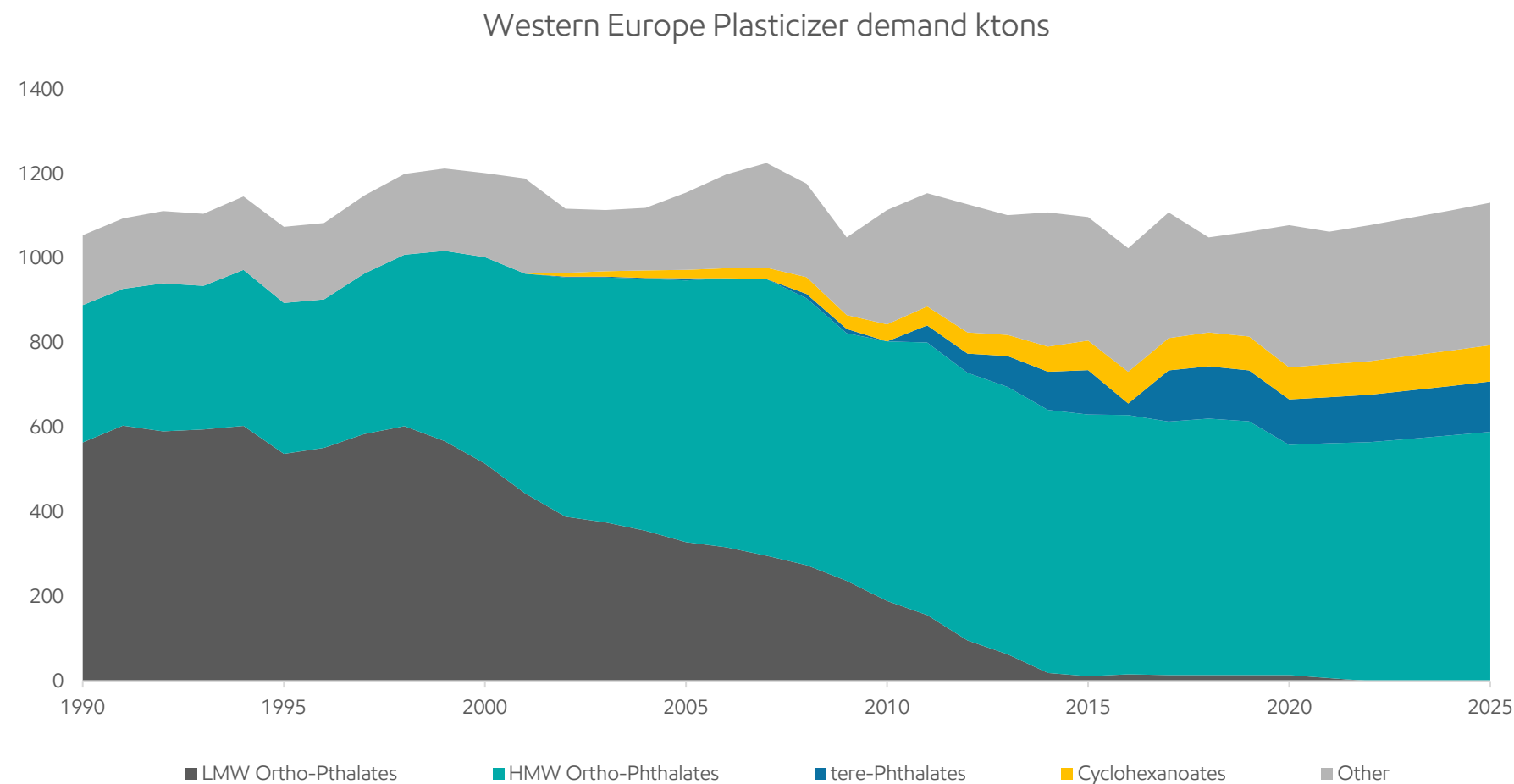
~6.7Mt^c
General Purpose
plasticizers

~2.3Mt^c
General Purpose High
Molecular Weight –
Ortho phthalates
(DINP, DIDP, DPHP)



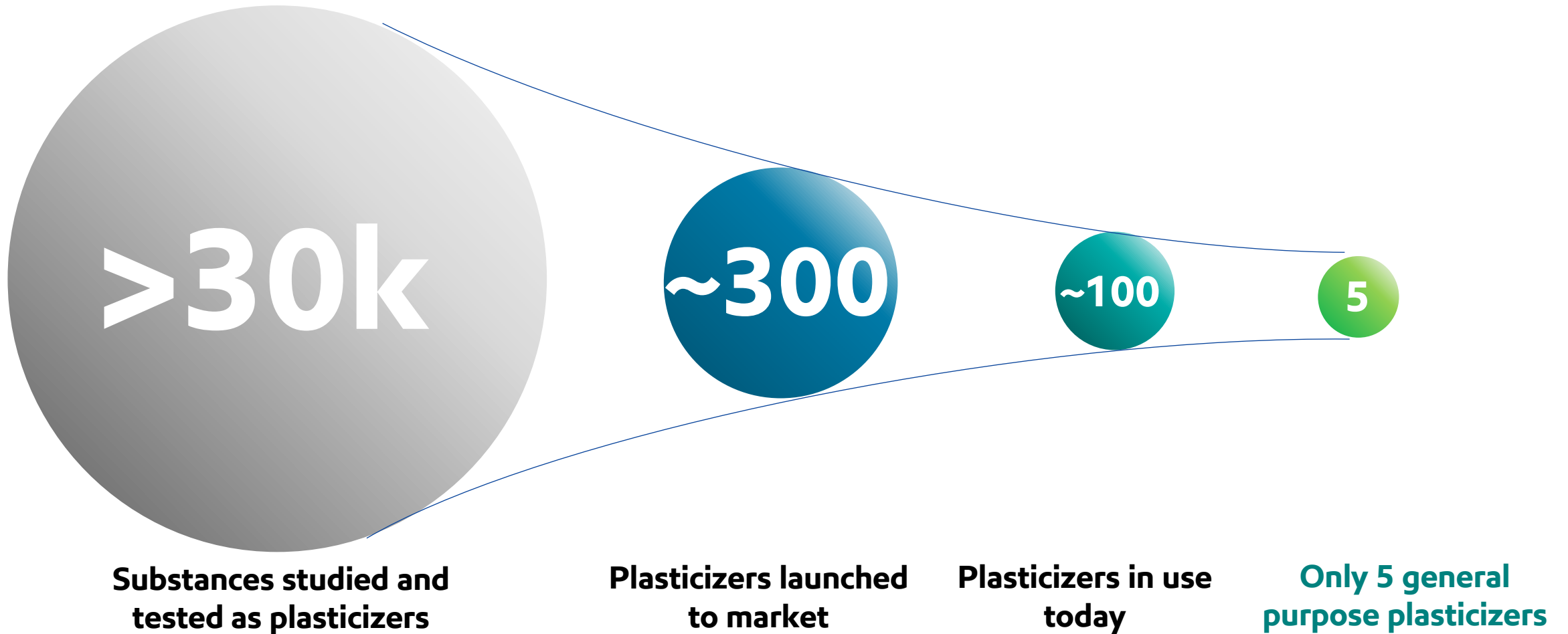
a. *Plastics Europe 2022 report.(Note: Report includes additional ~30 kt of recycled plastics)*
b. *S&P Global Commodity Insights, © 2022 by S&P Global Inc CEH- IHS PVC Resins report 2022 and ExxonMobil assessments*
c. *S&P Global Commodity Insights, © 2024 by S&P Global Inc CEH- IHS Plasticizers report 2024 and ExxonMobil assessments*

Mature region shift to HMW phthalates



Source: IHS Chemical Economics Handbook 2015 report – Plasticizers -S&P Global Commodity Insights, © 2024 by S&P Global Inc CEH- IHS Plasticizers report 2021

+90 years of industrial plasticizer use



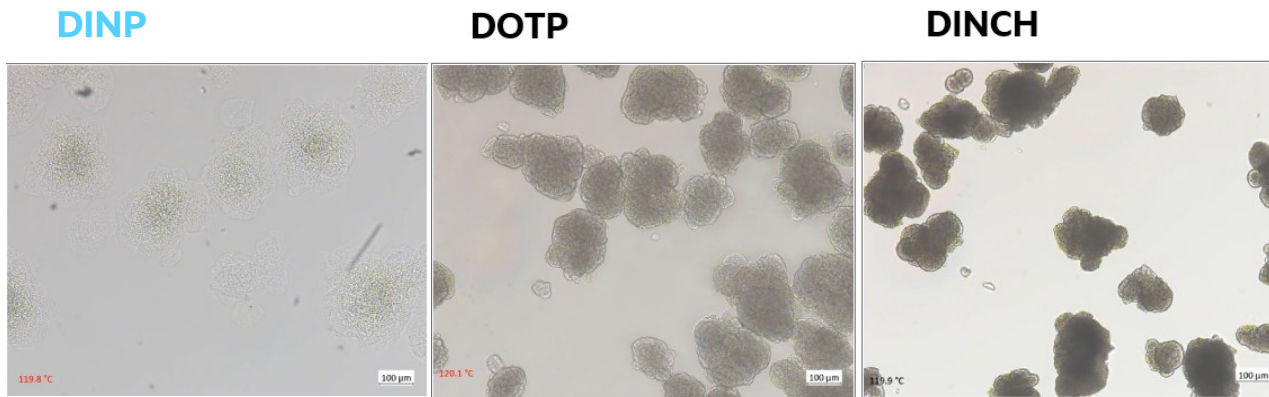
Together...

In world that never stands still, no one can
face tomorrow's challenges alone

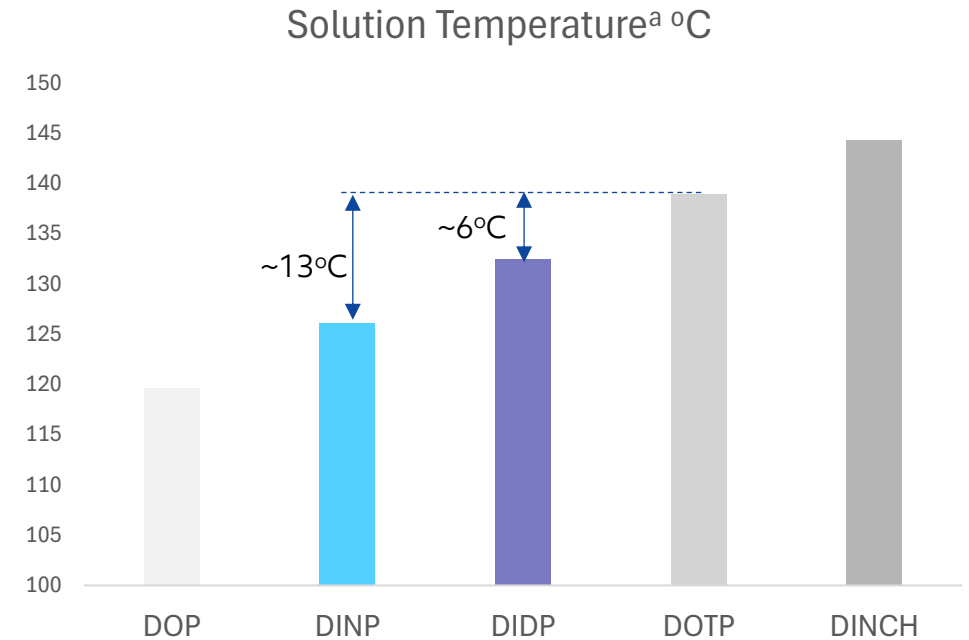
Compatibility – PVC solubility in plasticizer

DINP and DIDP show better affinity

Solution Temperature^a, microscope images @ 120°C



Solution temperature compares solvency power
→ affinity of plasticizer with PVC



Lower solution temperature
→ more affinity of the plasticizer with PVC

Contributes to

- Lower plastisol gelation temperature
- Faster dry blend absorption time

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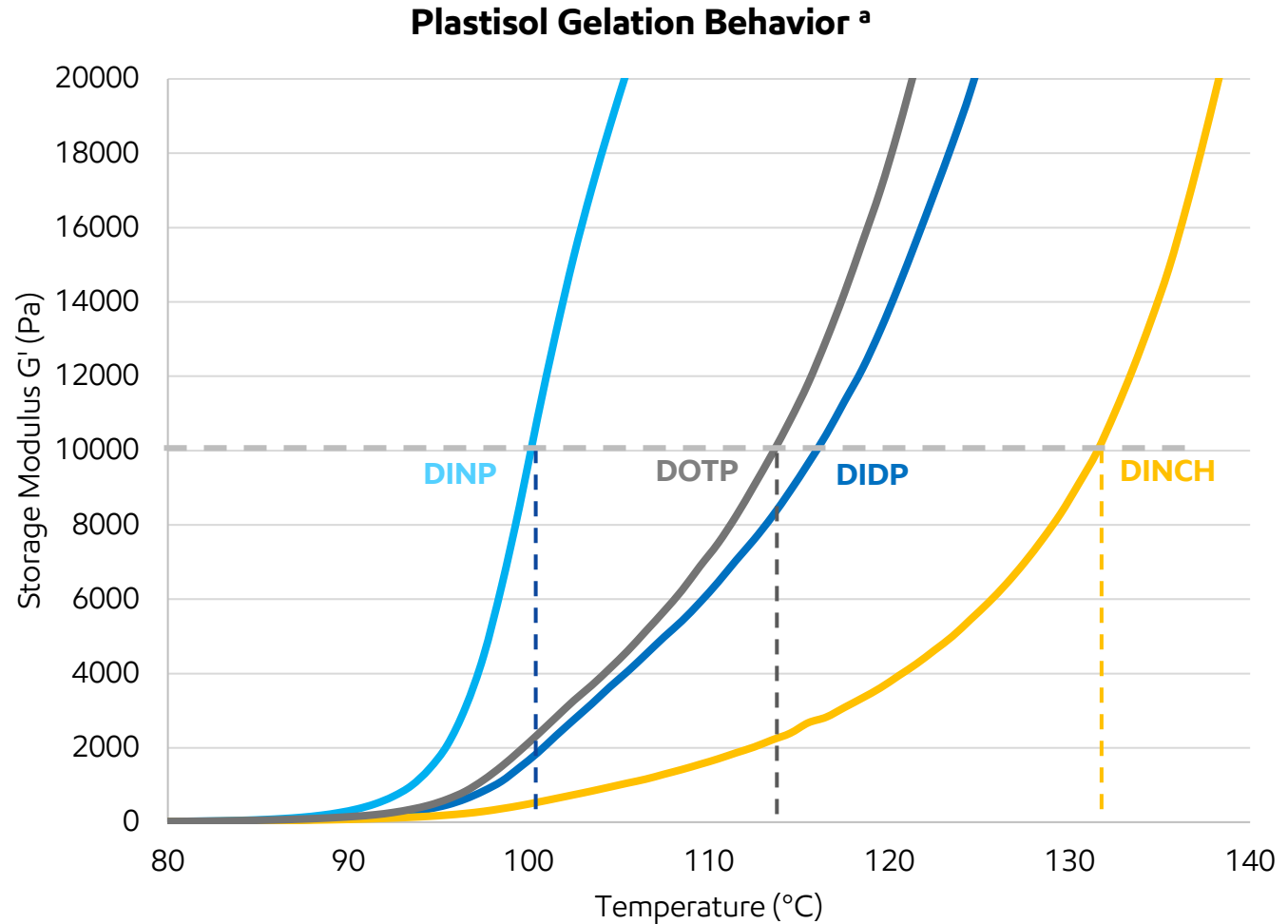
^a Solution Temperature – ExxonMobil Method TM-186981 48g of plasticizer and 2 grams of PVC

Processing Advantages of DINP - Gelation

DINP requires less heat to gel

which can enable lower operation temperatures or faster processing

- DINP requires less heat to transition from viscous liquid to gel phase
- Dry touch temperature (gelation temperature) is a plastisol key processing parameter.



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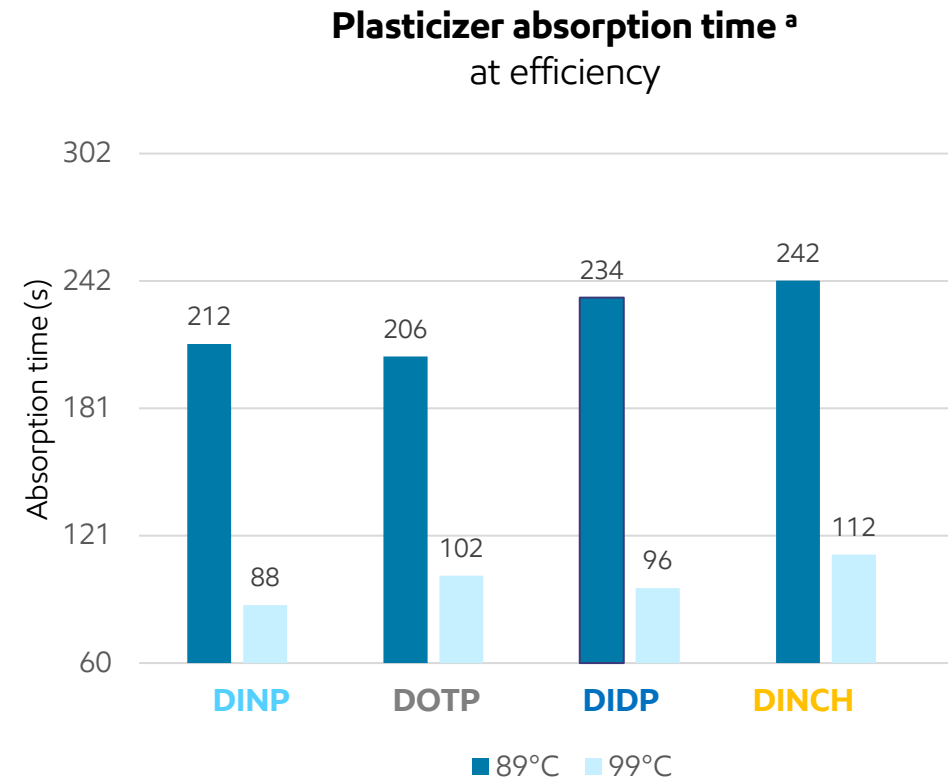
^a ExxonMobil test method: TM-186930 Plastisol gelation. Equipment Physica MCR101.

Compound formulation: E-PVC 100 phr; plasticizer 60 phr

Processing Advantages: dry-blending absorption time

DINP shows low dry-blend absorption times enabling faster processing

- DINP has faster dry-blend time at higher processing temperature
- DIDP has faster dry blend time than DINCH and comparable to DOTP at high processing temperature



Dry blending time is a function of plasticizer viscosity and compatibility with PVC.

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Compound formulation: S-PVC (K-value 71) 100 phr; plasticizer 53 phr DINP; 55 phr DIDP, DPHP (ie. at efficiency); filler 40 phr; stabilizer 5 phr

^a ExxonMobil Method OMP-185794 Brabender - 435 g PVC + fillers + stab are added to the mixer and heated to the set temperature. Mixer speed 120 rpm.

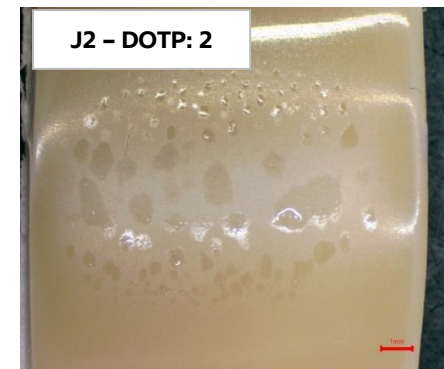
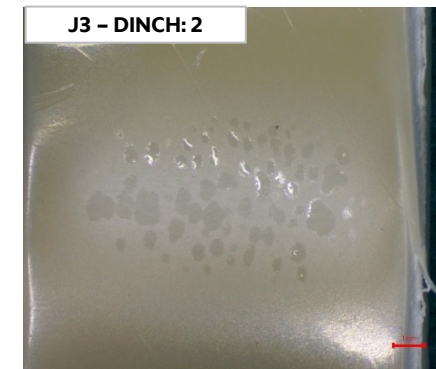
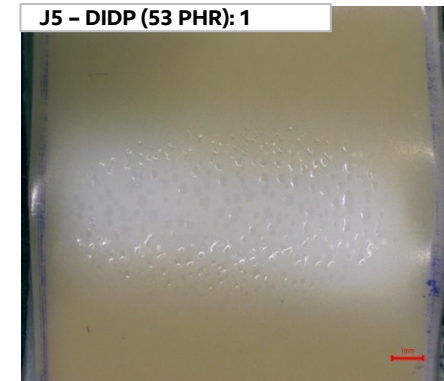
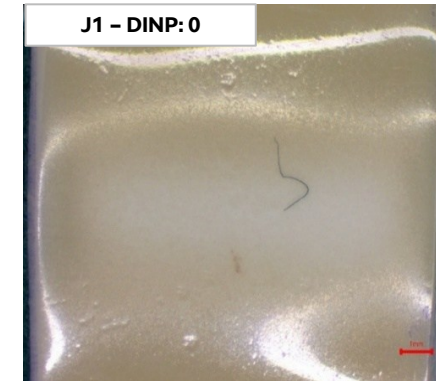
Plasticizer is added after \pm 5 min. Max torque and drop-off time are recorded.

Compatibility – Plasticizer exudation from compound

DINP and DIDP show lower exudation

Loop Test ^a : Plasticizers in compounded PVC					Descriptions
	Loop Test 48 hr	Loop Test 1 day	Loop Test 7 days	ASTM D3291 ^b 7 days	
DINP	0	1	0	0	0 No exudation
DIDP	0	1	1	0	1 Very faint and discontinuous exudation
DINCH	0	2	0	-	2 Moderate exudation.
DOTP	1	2	3	3	3 Heavy exudation

Exudation examples



Lower exudation (lower Loop Test Value):

- Better plasticizer permanency under mechanical stress
→ no blooming to the surface over time or under folding
- Better compatibility
→ no paint de wetting or bleeding

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^a ExxonMobil Test method: TM-186961 Formulation PVC (271PC) 100 phr, DINP/DINCH/DOTP 50 phr, other plasticizers to efficiency: DIDP 53 phr, DPDHP 53 phr, DIUP 55 phr, filler 50 phr, stabilizer 4 phr

^b The Technology of Plasticizers, Sears and Darby, John Wiley & Sons New York, 1982. Chapter 1 F. Standard Industrial Plasticizers, Chapter 6 Permanence of Plasticized PVC, Appendix: Table A6 Plasticizer performance in Plasticized PVC (DINP 53PHR, DIDP 55 PHR, DOTP, 54PHR)

Stronger...

High Molecular Weight phthalates DINP and DIDP help you formulate smarter, and your flexible PVC perform better, last longer and meet safety standards worldwide

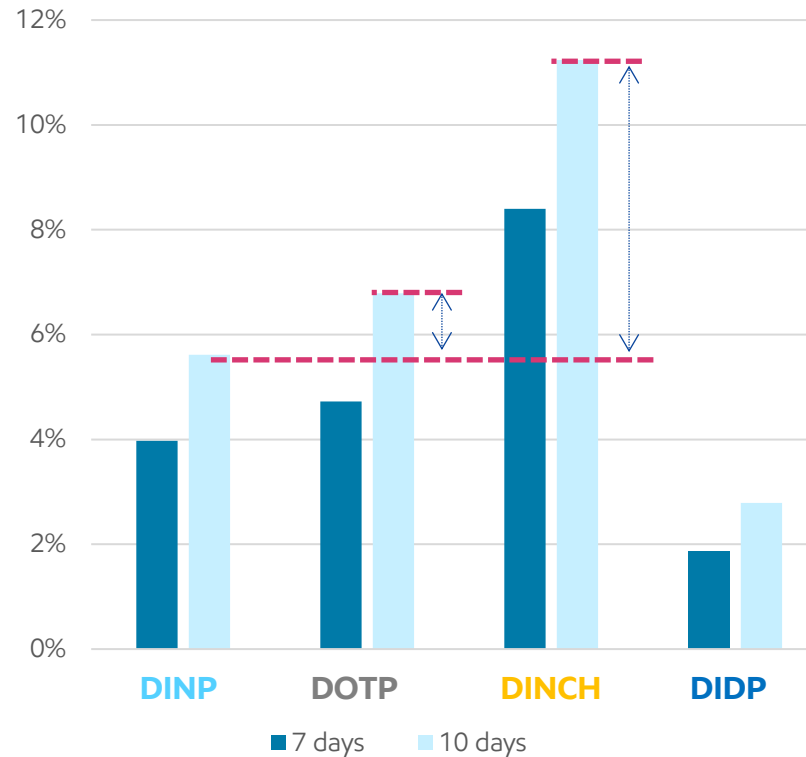
Performance advantages of DINP and DIDP

DINP and DIDP better retained mechanical properties for longer service life of your products

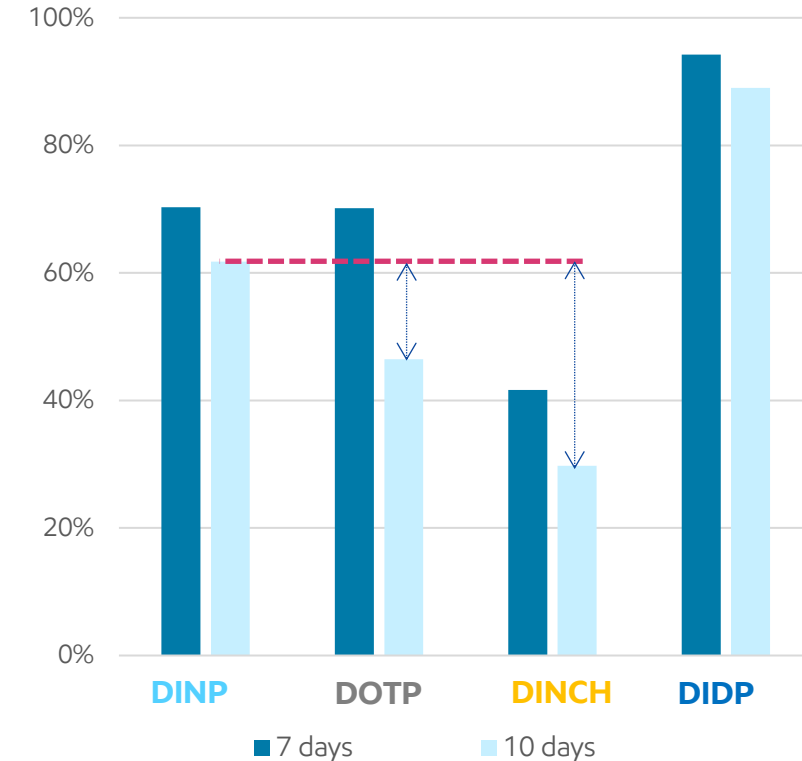
**After severe accelerated aging
DINP and DIDP show:**

- Lower volatilization losses
- Closer to original mechanical properties
- Better permanency

Weight Loss (%) - Forced Ventilation @100 °C^a



Retained Elongation @ Break (% vs original) -
Forced Ventilation @100 °C^a



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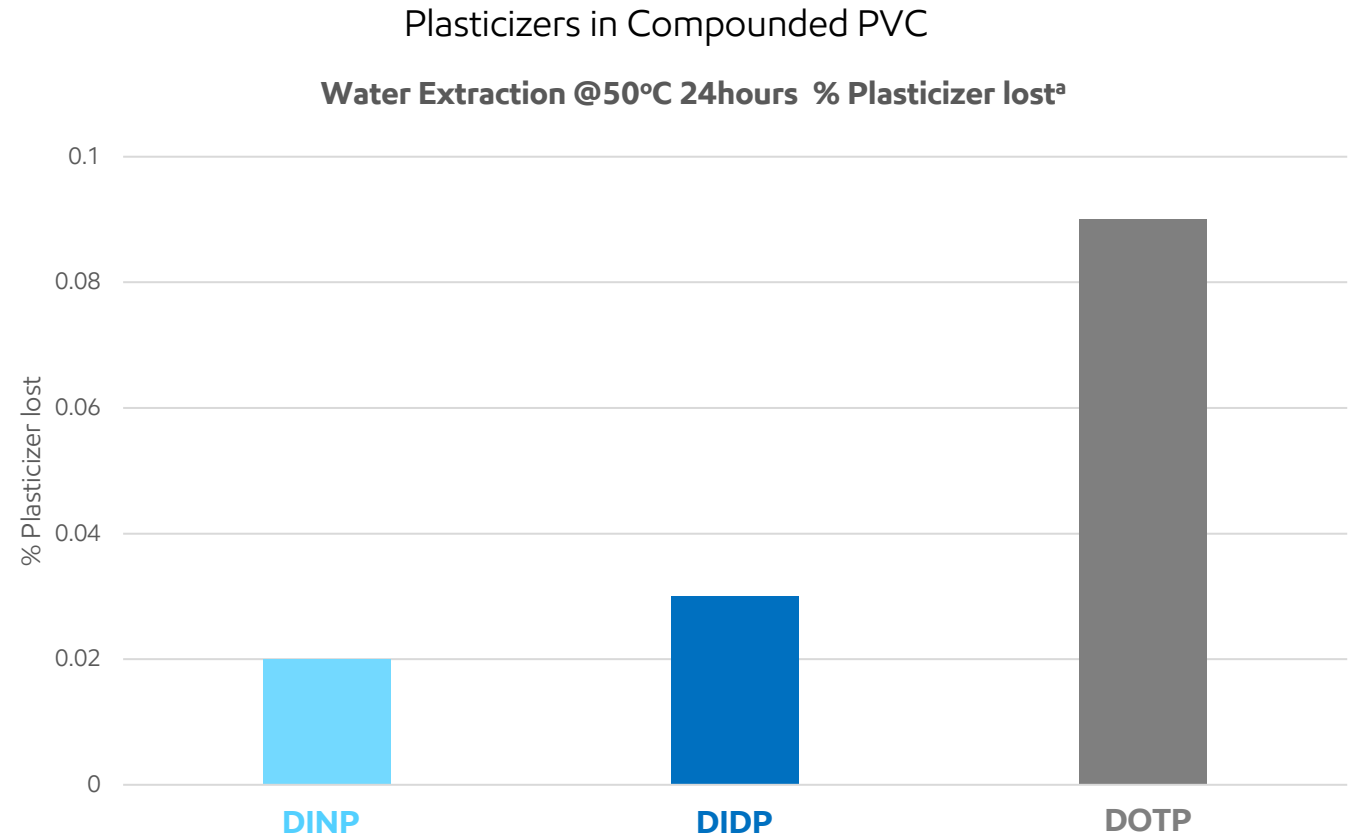
^a Retained properties – ExxonMobil Method TM-186966 – Forced Ventilation at 100 °C. Specimens prepared according to ASTM 638. Compound formulation: S-PVC (K-value 71) 100 phr; plasticizer 50 phr DINP, DOTP, DINCH / 53 phr DIDP, DPHP (ie. at efficiency); filler 50 phr; stabilizer 4 phr..

Performance advantages of DINP and DIDP

Water extraction shows higher permanency of DINP



- DINP extremely low solubility in water, tightly bound into compounded PVC



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DINP provides volume cost savings

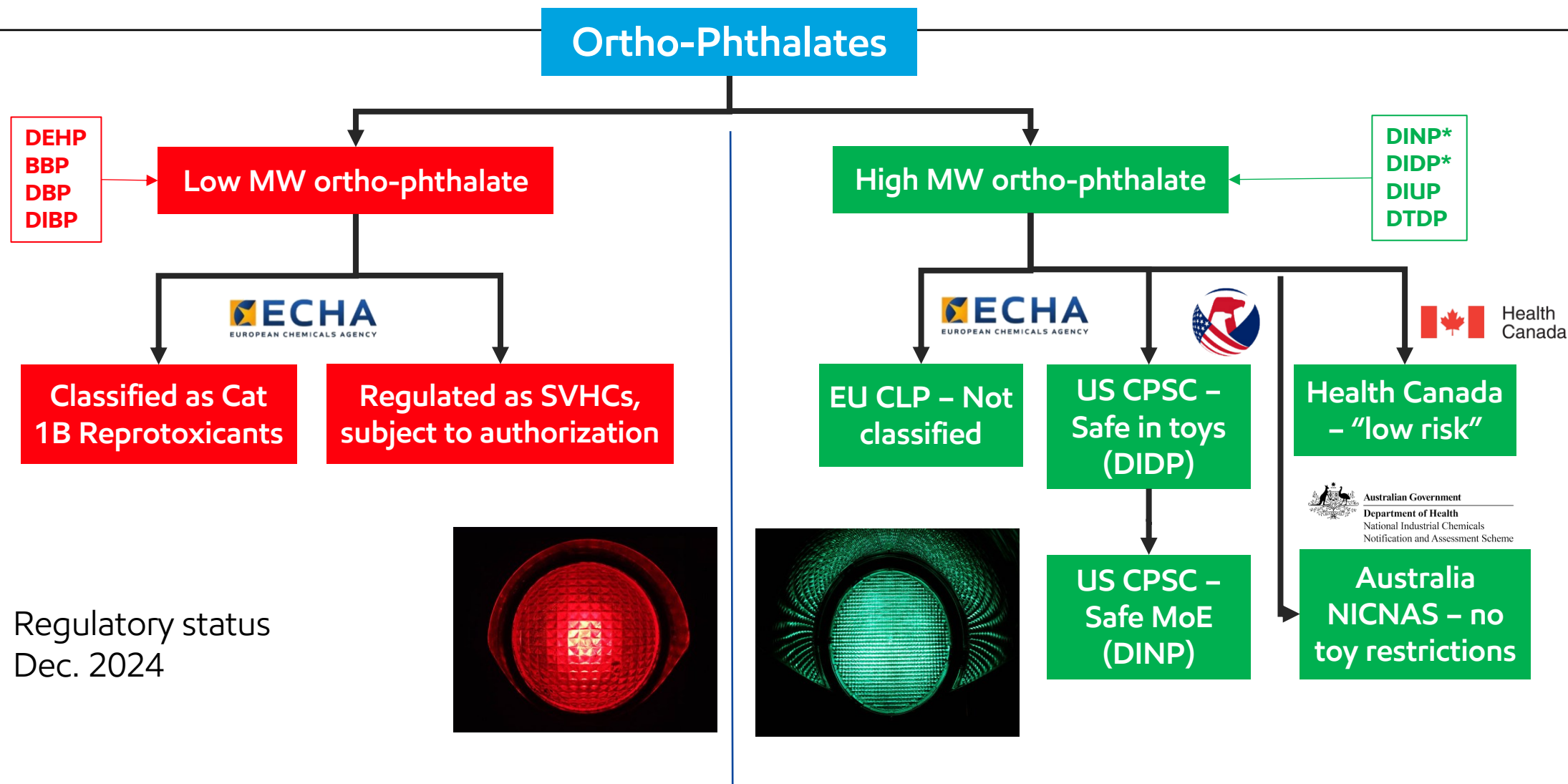
Case study: 3D laminated PVC film

Film with 100 phr PVC / 30 phr plasticizer Width 53" (1.346 m) / Gauge 12 mil (0.305 mm)	Plasticizer level (phr)	DOP 30	DINP 30
	Formulation density (g/cm ³)	1.276	1.271
Number of additional meters of films produced with 1 MT compound	# of meters	=	+ 7
Adjusting plasticizer level for the same Hardness Shore A level:	Plasticizer level (phr)	DOP 30	DINP 31
	Formulation density (g/cm ³)	1.276	1.268
Number of additional meters of films produced with 25 MT plasticizer truck	# of meters	=	+ 3913

Further...

For more than 80 years since ExxonMobil first patented HMW phthalates DINP and DIDP we have been with you co-innovating, securing supply reliability and navigating evolving regulations

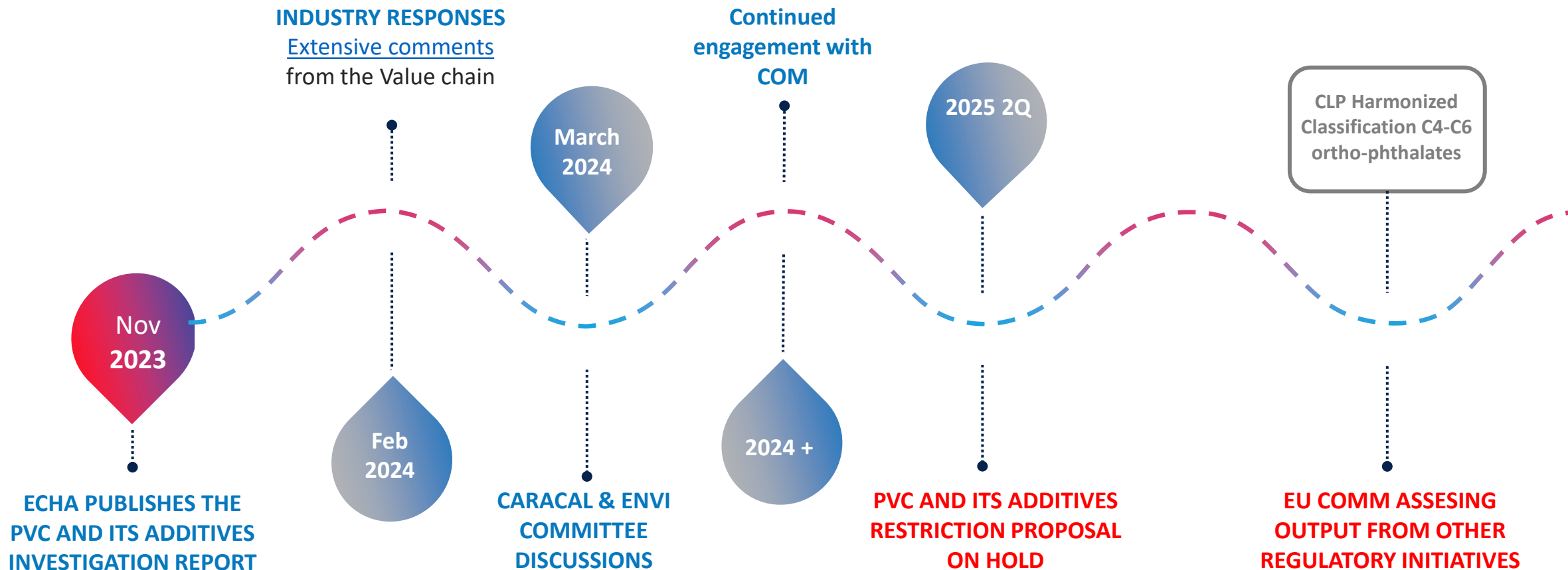
Regulators support that all phthalates are not the same



*Precautionary restrictions toys and childcare articles that can be placed in the mouth DINP (US, EU, CA), DIDP (EU, CA)

EU – ECHA update

Constant dialogue with authorities to promote sound science

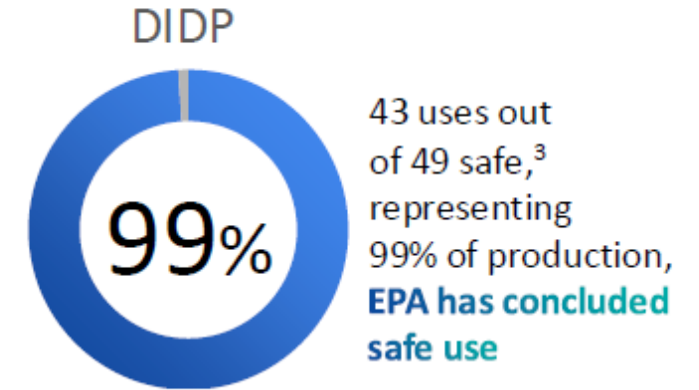
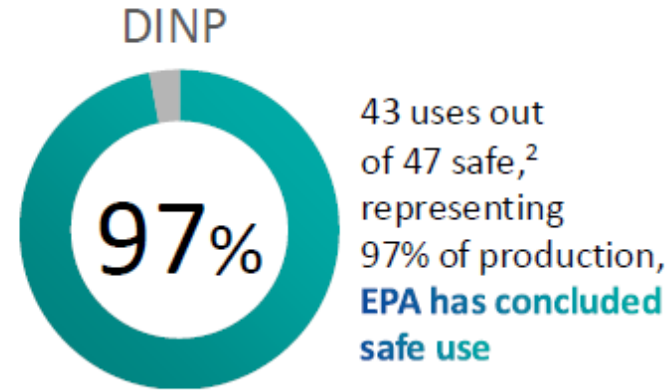


US-EPA TSCA MRRE Outcome



SAFE FOR USE¹:

- For consumers
- For general population
- For the environment



A further assessment confirming safe use



¹ Including sensitive sub-populations such as women of child-bearing age, infants, children and the elderly.

² DINP uses identified as presenting an unreasonable risk to workers: Industrial spray-applied (i) adhesives and sealants, and (ii) paints and coatings. DINP uses identified as posing an unreasonable risk to workers include industrial spray-applied (i) adhesives and sealants, (ii) paints and coatings, as well as commercial spray-applied (iii) adhesives and sealants, and (iv) paints and coatings applications.

³ DIDP uses identified as presenting an unreasonable risk to workers include spray-applied industrial uses in (i) adhesives and sealants, and (ii) paint and coatings, as well as spray-applied commercial uses in (iii) adhesives and sealants, (iv) paint and coatings, (v) lacquers, stains, varnishes, floor finishes, and (vi) inspection fluids or penetrants.

*The 3% and 1% in white in the DINP & DIDP pies correspond to the volume of each substance dedicated to applications listed under footnotes number 2 and 3, respectively.

**Together,
Stronger,
Further...**

Customers value the advantages of DINP

Application: Vehicle sealants and underbody coatings

Faster and **lower** gelling temperature vs. alternative plasticizers:

- Baking temperature **lower** by more than 30°C
- Gelling temperature start reduced by more than 10°C
- Reduction of 2 ovens in OEM paint shop

Compatibility

- Better paint **compatibility** 4WET (wet on wet cures in 1 oven)
- DINP shows no bleeding vs alternatives, due to **compatibility**
- Alternative plasticizers show paint de-wetting
- **Compatible** with all plastisol raw materials avoiding plastisol waste

Other

- Density reduction, allowing lower plastisol weight per car
- Lower Volatile hydrocarbon solvents in plastisol
- Plastisol less water diffusion providing better protection to EV vehicle batteries



Customers value the advantages of DINP

Application: Waterproofing membranes / roofing

*DINP is our main PVC plasticizer. Compared to similar alternative molecules like DOTP and DINCH, **DINP was proven to remain in the matrix** (no leaching) in artificial and real weathering, making it:*

- ***safer** for the environment and*
- ***increasing the lifetime** of the PVC membranes*

PVC membranes plasticized with DINP

- *can be recycled into PVC membranes without loss of performance*
- *can last up to 30 years when directly exposed to external environmental agent, and more than 50 years when not exposed directly*



Application: Coated fabrics

*Currently we use DINP for about 95% of our products. most of our fabrics are fully exposed to the elements and therefore need to have **excellent outdoor weathering properties**, both UV and hydrolysis resistance (e.g. pool covers, tent, sport mats, textile architecture, pergolas and truck tarps.*

We observe poor adhesion with DOTP and other para-phthalates, they have too many free alcohols inhibit glue additives (required for good adhesion) and have worse gelation behavior.



General purpose plasticizer compared performance

DINP and DIDP:

are safe for use as intended, outperform alternatives, offer optimal balance of performance, safety and cost

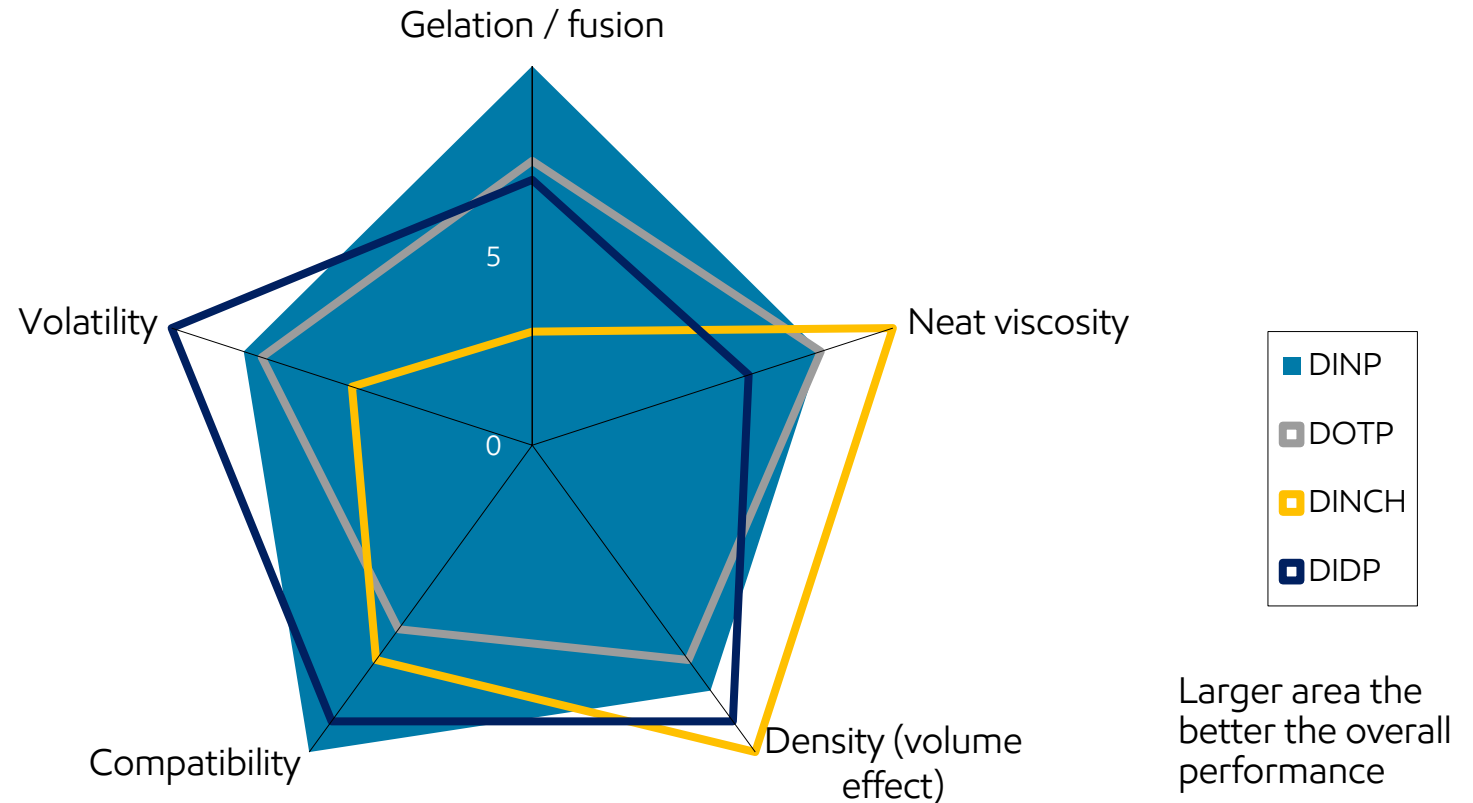
Benefits

DINP

- Higher compatibility with PVC
- Faster plastisol gelling
- Faster dry blend time
- Better retained mechanical properties

DIDP

- Lower volatility
- Significantly enhanced retained mechanical properties
- Higher compatibility with PVC



Thank you!

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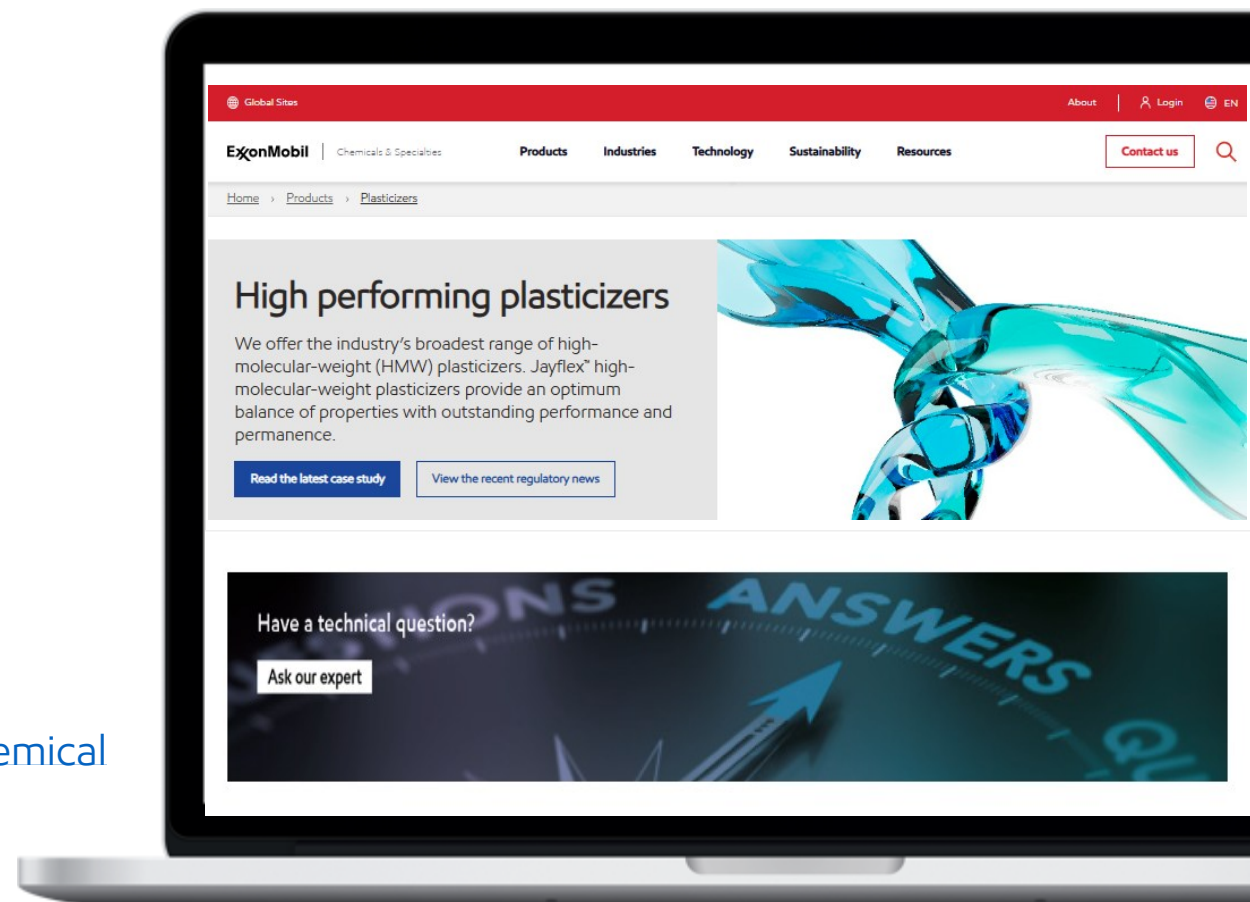
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